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When life changes

Born in 1927, local man John White has led a rich life, both professionally and personally, driven by a deep desire to learn and progress.

Despite his formal education ending at 12 years old, John found himself managing vast investment portfolios as a director of leading merchant bank Schroder's, and later at Rothschild's – a long way from his humble beginnings at 14 as a stockbroker's messenger boy. John tells heart-stopping tales of his time in the army, an hilarious account of a tennis match with the Governor of the Bank of England and how, inspired to study humanistic and sports psychology, he set up a coaching and counselling practice, which he ran until poor health brought this to an end in 2008.

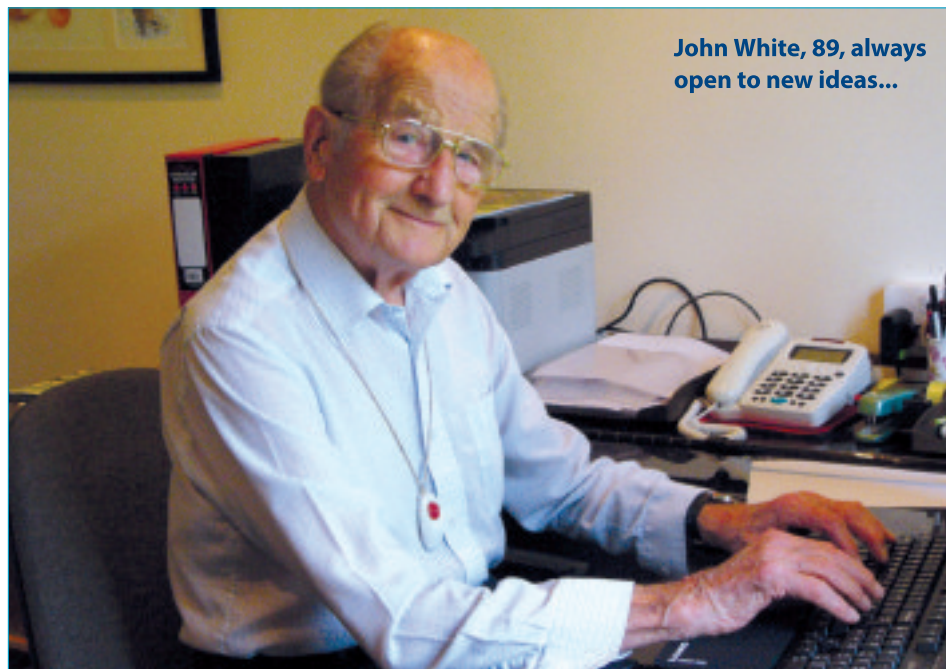
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Married for sixty years, John lost his wife three years ago. This great loss, coupled with a catalogue of health issues and spells in hospital, left John unable to manage on his own at home. He had a little respite in a care home, and tried out live-in carers, neither of which worked out for him. His niece, Chris Lucy, was keen for him to move to her house in Worthing, but John wanted to hold on to his home and independence.

Chris realised the best care for John would be some help at home, with some encouragement and support to meet people and socialise.

'That was when we found Staywell,' comments Chris. 'I contacted them to ask about the services they provided, and before we knew it, Help@Home worker, Alaine, was at the house to assess John's needs and find out what he wanted. John decided that daily help to prepare a freshly cooked meal and do a little housework would support him enormously. Alaine also suggested that John visit the social centre at Raleigh House a couple of times a week. This would enable him to meet people, have a chat and engage with some of their activities.'

'We were amazed at how quickly everything was put into place. Within two weeks, the minibus was coming to take John to Raleigh



John White, 89, always open to new ideas...

House and his Help@Home workers were cooking delicious meals in his kitchen. This has been a lifeline for John – both the practical support at home and the social interaction – it's an invaluable service. And it has provided a great support for me too. I don't live round the corner, so daily visits from me aren't possible. It's a great relief to know that John is getting excellent support from people who genuinely care about his wellbeing.'

Benefits

John managed to avoid computers throughout his professional life, and like many people, was a little wary of them. Since joining Raleigh House John has been taking IT tuition and now enjoys the full benefits of being online, also taking advantage of one-to-one tuition at home when he can't make it to the centre.

'For me, there's no comparison with the live-in care I experienced,' says John. 'I am so

impressed by the quality of the staff who visit me. They've managed to stimulate my appetite and encouraged me to eat more. They're always cooking different, tasty meals, and will even water my tomato plants outside.'

'I've also enjoyed getting out to meet like-minded people at Raleigh House – all different, and all with treasure chests of experience. To be honest, I wasn't sure about going at first, but I've always been open to new ideas. I've even taken up scrabble for the first time!'

When we experience a major change in circumstances, such as bereavement, ill health or moving house our mental and physical health and wellbeing can take a sharp turn, and it can be difficult to know where to turn for help. Having supported the community for 70 years, Staywell has the expertise and local knowledge to help you choose and access the support that's right for you. If you or a family member could benefit from a little extra help, contact us today.

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Meet PC Daniel Graham. He knows the word on the street. As it were...

BLUE LINE DANCING

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THIS BRIT-school trained bobby never misses a beat as his impressive dance moves have turned him into an internet sensation.

PC Daniel Graham has won thousands of admirers on social media after featuring in Kingston police's "running man challenge" video.

The clip had been viewed more than 600,000 times and shared by close to 10,000 people just 12 hours after it was posted on Facebook on Monday evening.

But the robot-like dance, which has swept the web, is a far cry from the style the 999 response officer learnt while a pupil at Croydon's famous BRIT School.

PC Graham, who has been a policeman in Kingston for three years, said: "I am just really surprised the video took off."

"It was great to combine my two loves - policing and dancing. When I was at the BRIT School I only really learnt contemporary and jazz dancing so the style in the video is self-taught."

The 33-year-old said as he got older he decided the entertainment was not for him and he became far more interested in helping people.

He said: "When I was a kid I was quite outgoing and wanted to be the centre of attention but it was always more of a social thing for me."

"I really looked up to the police and had a great respect for what they did. As I got older I started to think my personality would suit policing."

Councillor Andrea Craig tweeted: "Well done @MP-SKingston not only the best #RunningManChallenge but the video has gone viral. #Kingston"

The video shows a hooded criminal challenge PC Graham to a "running man dance off" with the caveat that, if she wins, she will get to go free. But she does not count on PC Graham's spectacular moves.

Kingston police have thrown down the gauntlet to Surrey Police and helicopter unit NPAS Redhill.

PC Dan Graham shows off his moves



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Newsquest digital director Mark Smith said: "The challenge facing us was to make it easy for our local sales team to provide clients with not just standard display advertising but the same level of sophisticated targeting which national brands can access, whilst keeping the product, the sale and the process as simple as possible. Our digital display team rose to that challenge and they thoroughly deserve it."

The products were developed by the central digital display team who created targeted advertising packages within specific client categories rolled out across the Newsquest group.

The products increased average campaign values 29 per cent, yields by 207 per cent, campaign CTRs by 325 per cent and views by 16 per cent.

Mum Abi so proud of Amelia and brother Callum after eye cancer battle

'My daughter just amazes me with her attitude to life'

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A NEW Malden mother has spoken of the "courage and bravery" of her two children after her daughter was diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer at just 11 days old.

Abi Wheatcroft, 31, gave birth to Amelia at Kingston Hospital in February 2012, only for her to be diagnosed with retinoblastoma in both eyes – a rare cancerous tumour that leaves many children blind.

The illness affects about one in 20,000 births in the UK.

Amelia went through two-and-a-half years of extensive chemotherapy at the Royal London Hospital and doctors managed to save her vision – though she has not yet been given the all-clear.

Mrs Wheatcroft, of South Lane, New Malden, also suffered from the hereditary disease as a baby, leaving any children she might have at risk of retinoblastoma.



Champions: Abi Wheatcroft, Amelia and Callum

She said: "I actually had it as a child as well, I got told that I carried the gene, so there was a 15 per cent chance of her getting it.

"You always think about it, but I suppose the joy of having a child and trying to have a child takes over. It's tough to say.

"When you actually hear it, the reality is quite shocking.

"You lose track of how much time she's spent in hospital undergoing treatment,

including chemotherapy which started when she was just four weeks old, but nothing seems to faze her.

"Amelia never ceases to amaze me with her courage and attitude to life.

"Despite everything Amelia has always been such a happy child – she's a star."

When Amelia was diagnosed with the disease Mrs Wheatcroft and her husband Paul, 45, faced years of frequent hospital visits, which made life difficult for their

son Callum.

Despite this, she said he showed incredible maturity and was always on hand to support his sister.

She added: "Having to leave Callum at home when going to hospital was hard, I think because he was so little.

"I don't think he really understood – he kind of lost mummy.

"He missed out on so much while his sister and of course his mum were away on hospital visits that often involved overnight stays, and yet he never complained.

"I am just so proud of both of them – they are both amazing."

Both siblings have been named as champions by the charity Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT) for their "outstanding efforts in the face of adversity".

Amelia, four, and Callum, seven, received a medal, a framed certificate and a goody bag from the charity, which dedicates itself to supporting families, funding research and raising awareness of the disease.

BATSMAN RETURNS: Children and teachers from a New Malden school welcomed back a famous sporting old boy. Former England cricket captain Alec Stewart visited Coombe Hill Juniors as an ambassador of charity Chance to Shine and Marylebone Cricket Club. He attended the school 42 years ago before attending Tiffin School in Kingston. He is England's most capped test cricketer. Mr Stewart said: "It's great to come back to see the kids and to go into the old school assembly hall." Head teacher Mark Clutterbuck added: "The pupils had a fantastic time and I hope Alec enjoyed coming back to the school he attended as a boy."

REFUGEE CELEBRATION: Syrian refugees will show off their talents as the charity that helps resettle vulnerable migrants in Kingston celebrates its 25th anniversary. Refugee Action Kingston (RAK) is hosting a celebration on Monday, June 20, at All Saint's Church, with some of the 3,000 refugees living in the borough providing the entertainment through dance and music. The RAK was set up in 1991 to help refugees and asylum seekers settle and become active members of the community. Over the years the group expanded and is currently working with Kingston Council in helping the first Syrian family welcomed to Kingston under the Government's Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme. The RAK now employs more than 10 members of staff and 18 volunteers. The gala is free and open to everyone, with a £5 donation on the door welcomed.

Duchess opens up 'magic garden' at palace



Duchess of Dragons: Kate Middleton and school children in the Magic Garden Credit to the Times

THE Duchess of Cambridge officially opened Hampton Court Palace's Magic Garden and took a tour of the new children's play area.

Kate Middleton walked around the garden on May 4, looking at the battlements, towers, secret grotto and a number of mythical beasts for children to play with.

The garden sits on the site of King Henry VIII's former Tiltyard in the grounds of the

palace, and includes a 25ft long sleeping dragon which breathes smoke.

The concept has been six years in the making, with gardeners planting more than 17,000 bulbs and 3,000 shrubs to create the garden.

A group of pupils from St John Baptist Church of England Junior School in Hampton Wick were sat on the large dragon, and spoke with the Duchess.

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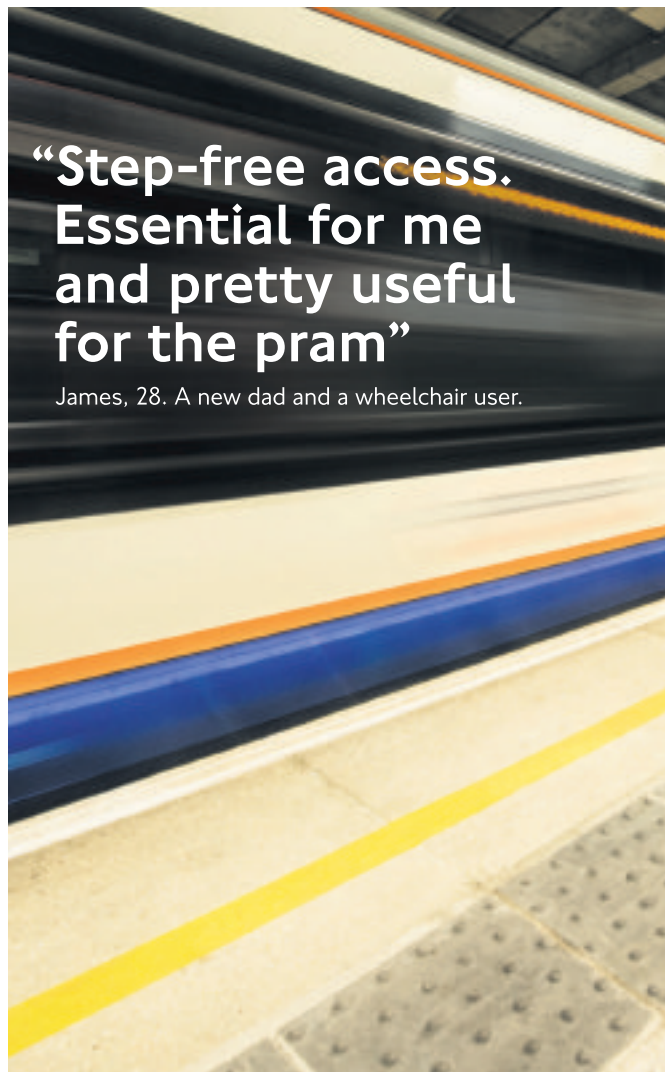
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Plans to extend striped path as part of mini-Holland scheme Greenway could soon become twice as long

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TOLWORTH'S controversial Greenway is set to double in length to encourage cycling.

Plans to extend the green striped path from the Broadway, down Ewell Road all the way to Red Lion Road will soon be unveiled as part of Kingston's £30 million mini-Holland cycling programme.

A Kingston Council spokesman said the plans should go to public consultation in the autumn with the hope of beginning building work in summer 2017.

He said: "Connecting Surbiton and Tolworth is one of the projects under the Go Cycle mini-Holland programme, which includes Ewell Road up to Tolworth Broadway where the Greenway starts. The plans will provide continuous, safe cycle facilities along the whole route. Layout options are currently being tested to learn about the potential impact on traffic."

He could not say how much the project would cost but said the budget would come entirely



Shared space: The Greenway in Tolworth Broadway

from the mini-Holland funding the borough was awarded in 2014.

The original Tolworth Broadway Greenway was unveiled months behind schedule in November 2013 at a cost of £3 million, two-thirds funded by Transport for London.

Surbiton Hill Liberal Democrat councillor and Kingston Cycling Campaign (KCC) member Hilary Gander said: "The Greenway is underused, especially at the Esso garage end. I think that is because it just stops. The idea is really exciting. Currently it is

only an idea and it will be subject to a public consultation."

Conservative councillor David Cunningham added that if a large housing development on the former Tesco Toby Jug site were built then extra cycling provisions would be needed.

He said: "The linkage is very important. If we end up with a large development there, it is important to have good transport connections."

The Greenway idea was condemned by Kingston Conservatives in the years leading up to construction.

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Volunteers honoured

VOLUNTEERS at the Royal Star and Garter Homes have been honoured at an awards ceremony.

Margot Heyhoe, a volunteer, said: "I feel privileged being able to help raise funds for such amazing veterans. I have been a volunteer on both the fundraising and the activities but since the move from Richmond to Surbiton, I now just help on the fundraising side."

"When I was doing a bucket collection at Chessington Garden Centre, a man got chatting about the services and knew the charity so put a note in the bucket and I said, 'do you know, you could double for Michael Caine?' He smiled and walked away then turned back and said, 'I am Michael Caine!'"

The charity held an awards ceremony and buffet tea party on Thursday, April 28.

Witness refused to answer questions during inquest Still no answers for family of 'lovely guy'

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THE family of a man found dead in a Surbiton block of flats say they still lack closure after a key witness refused to answer questions put to him during an inquest into the death.

David Edrupt, 30, whose body was found on the landing outside a second floor flat on May 31 last year was described by his father as "a lovely guy".

The inquest at West London Coroners' Court on May 3 left the 18 family members and friends who attended dissatisfied as they repeatedly tried to ask questions of Jaimie Ortiz Becerra, the last person to see Mr Edrupt alive, and the officer from Kingston police who took charge of the investigation into his death.

Senior coroner Chinyere Inyama told the group the questions they wanted answers to were a matter for police, not his court, which does not deal with criminal



Mourned: David Edrupt

accusations and advised Mr Ortiz Becerra he had the right not to answer questions he believed might incriminate him.

Mr Ortiz Becerra was initially arrested on suspicion of murder but later released with no further action.

Mr Edrupt, of Molesey Way, West Molesey, had been in a pub in Surbiton with friends the night before he died.

He and Mr Ortiz Becerra had not met before, but shared a cigarette near Surbiton station at about 1am, before making their way

back to Mr Ortiz Becerra's home in Surbiton Court, St Andrew's Square.

Hours later, Mr Edrupt was found dead in the landing.

A post-mortem examination found he had died of acute alcohol intoxication.

His death was initially treated as a murder but in January the Metropolitan Police confirmed they believed it to be non-suspicious.

Mr Inyama asked Mr Ortiz Becerra if he had been drunk that night. Mr Ortiz Becerra said he had, and confirmed through a Spanish interpreter he had drunk beer and gin and tonic and Mr Edrupt had seemed as drunk as he was.

Detective Sergeant Lee Tullett said the post-mortem examination, toxicology results and lack of evidence of foul play had put an end to the murder investigation.

The toxicology report found Mr Edrupt had 366 milligrams of alcohol for every 100 millilitres of blood in his body at the time of his death.

The legal limit for driving is 80 milligrams.

AD SPOT: A Kingston schoolgirl has been given the leading role in shoe retailer Clarks' latest adverts. Ella Semple, 11, who has honed her talents for singing and dancing at the Esher Stage school will be the face of the latest Clarks commercial, which will air this summer.

FIGHTING FIT: Kingston residents are some of the healthiest in the country according to research into the UK's 'fattest' and 'thinnest' areas. For every 100,000 people from Kingston admitted to hospital, just 252 had their weight noted as a concern by doctors. The Health and Social Care Information Centre figures show the UK average is 811 patients per 100,000. Richmond was the only place healthier, with 238 overweight patients.

EDEN PROJECT: Redesigned plans to overhaul a major part of Kingston town centre will be explained by developers later this month. Eden Walk plan to talk through their idea of knocking down the shopping centre to replace it with 380 homes, a boutique cinema, sky restaurant and office and retail space at Kingston Council's development control committee on May 18 from 7.30pm.

MARKET HOUSE: The decision to turn Kingston's historic market house into a pizza restaurant has been delayed to at least June 8. The council has requested further technical information from The Stables, the Devon-based cider and pizza company that plans to take over the listed building.

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REBECCA TAYLOR looks at how the south-east helped shape Eurovision

Time to make your mind up again at annual song fest

THE ultimate Marmite of television, the Eurovision Song Contest will once again be gracing screens across the country this weekend, with duo Joe and Jake hoping to buck the recent trend of abject failure for UK entries.

Predictable disappointment was not always the case, however, and the capital, as well as north Kent and north Surrey, has provided its fair share of success stories.

Cheryl Baker, from Lewisham, Bobby G, from Epsom, and Jay Aston, from Purley, make up three quarters of the original Bucks Fizz line-up, and are south London's most successful Eurovision exports.

In 1981, the group won the contest with *Making Your Mind Up*, memorable for the choreography, which involved Ms Baker and Ms Aston's skirts being gradually shortened as they were whipped off by Bobby G and Mike Nolan.

She said: "I loved Eurovision before and it was a childhood ambition to do it.

"Ever since I saw Sandie Shaw win, I thought it was like a gold medal but for music and my aim was to enter. It seemed like a pipe dream. Things like that didn't happen to girls like me."

Ms Baker will be performing at a charity gig on Saturday but hopes to watch the competition before going on stage.

She will also be across television and radio before the big show, and then heading off on tour, including Bromley and Sevenoaks, for three months from September.

Of this year's entry, Ms Baker said: "I love it. It has really grown on me. I think you have to have the something extra that makes it now, and I hope they have the wow thing up their sleeves."

John Alfold, who grew up around Parsons Green and Putney, was one half of 1961 act The Allison's with good friend and musical ally Bob Day.

The pair were marketed as brothers for their song *Are You Sure?*, which missed out on the top, scoring 24 points



Euro winner: Cheryl Baker

and coming second.

However, it was one of the most successful Eurovision songs as a single, knocking Elvis Presley off the top spot, the only Eurovision song ever, from any country, to do so.

The band had won a nationwide talent contest at Olympia in September 1960, and by January 1961, they recorded *Are You Sure?* for

Fontana records.

Their manager liked it so much he offered it to the BBC for a Song for Europe, a contest the two men had not even heard of.

Mr Alfold said: "It was accepted and we won at Shepherd's Bush Empire against all the odds. It became an instant hit, straight into all the charts selling 250,000 in two weeks."

It even caught the attention of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber who both called it their favourite Eurovision entry ever as recently as 2009.

The Allison's did a huge number of television and radio shows over the years, but Mr Alfold said he felt they could have achieved more and were let down by their record company.

The pair hoped to start cabaret shows again but Mr Day died in 2013 after battling Motor Neurone Disease.

Cliff Richard, who spent a period of his childhood in Carshalton and now lives in Weybridge, also counted



Congratulations: Roy Castle with Dana and Cliff Richard backstage at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon

Eurovision success in his lengthy career. His 1968 entry *Congratulations* came second, scoring 28 points. In more recent times, however, south London has been unable to provide better fortunes for the nation.

Last year, Beckenham's Bianca Nicholas was chosen alongside bandmate Alex Larke to fly the flag for Britain in the contest.

Their band Electro Velvet finished 24th in 2015 with their song *Still in Love with You*.

An EP was available for

pre-order in June last year, but the band had to cancel its release because of Ms Nicholas' ill health.

Andy Abraham, from North London, represented the UK in the competition in 2008, three years after missing out on winning *The X Factor*.

His entry *What If* came joint last, only the second ever UK entry to finish bottom.

His song was also the first to fail to reach the UK top 40, reaching number 67, the second least successful ever.

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School is in dire financial straits after overspend

A SURBITON primary school is unable to pay staff and may have to freeze school trip budgets after overspending, it has been claimed.

Christ Church CE Primary School confirmed its reserve fund is now empty and an audit of the school's financial management will start imminently to find out what happened.

A spokesman refused to say how much the overspend was due to the audit but said: "The board of governors and head teacher, Tracey Coton, at Christ Church Primary School have been working with Achieving for Children, Kingston Council and the Southwark Diocese Board of Education to investigate and resolve a recently discovered budget overspend."

"The overspend used up our reserve balance. We had a carry forward at the end of 2015-16 financial year. In 2016-17, expenditure will need to be reduced as the school can no longer benefit from reserve funds."

The Pine Gardens school spokesman added: "The school is now drawing up plans to recover the overspend and can reassure parents of our priority to continue the high standard of education provided to pupils at this school. An employee has resigned their post."

Group grab photo opportunity as they share golf course with US president and UK PM

All the president's men: Golfing gets political

REPORTER

ELLIE CAMBRIDGE

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IF THE leader of the free world asked to play through you during a round of golf, what would you do?

That was the dilemma facing Aaron Bell, from Thames Ditton, when he and two colleagues bumped into US President Barack Obama, along with David Cameron, during a round at the Grove golf club.

The group let the pair and their entourage pass, but made sure to ask who was winning and to grab a photo opportunity. The surprise request came as Mr Obama relaxed at the Watford course during the third day of his UK tour.

Mr Bell, 45, said: "At each tee our group was closely followed by a very amiable security detail of bomb disposal, special forces, police snipers and US agents in suits and dark glasses."

"They asked us if we would let them play through as they had to get off quite quickly, as they were going to the Queen's birthday. Obama came over and thanked us for letting them. We were allowed to stand on the tee and watch them tee off. Barack has a nice smooth swing

and David got away nicely with a textbook swing.

"David Cameron was a little bit politically correct, and went slightly right on his drive. I said to David that I heard that he three-putted the fourth and he said that he parred the first hole and possibly should have given up after that. Barack Obama had put his arm around him and said he was playing well, so I think Barack Obama won."

Mr Bell, of Weston Green Road, realised something unusual was happening when browsing in the shop. He said: "I saw this guy come in and he asked if we sold sunglasses. He thought I worked there. He said without sunglasses he would find it difficult to do his job. I lent him my sunglasses."



Surprise: Aaron Bell, flanked by Barack Obama and David Cameron

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Tolworth's Greenway to be doubled in length

I WAS never a fan of the original Greenway scheme, as too much of it was based on fashionable "shared space" concepts. Shared space simply isn't compatible with high traffic volume, motor traffic will always dominate it, as was seen with the pedestrian crossings. They also tend to be quite expensive. I'd like to see the route extended, but hopefully the design will be a lot less experimental. Just build good protected bike lanes, no need to make this another expensive public realm project.

TWOROUNDWHEELS

I USE the Greenway to cycle past the traffic. It's really very good, especially the new crossings through the Tolworth roundabout that means I now don't have to walk through the subways. Shopping in the Broadway is much more pleasant too with it being easier to cross on foot. It would be even more useful if there were a useful cycle track between the northern end of the Greenway and King Charles Road.

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Tories let down youth

FOLLOWING the decision to close youth centres without any firm alternate provisions in place, young people came together to form a resident call-in, in a final attempt to stop the closure of these vital services.

It was heard at the last full council meeting.

It was supported by every single Labour, Liberal Democrat and independent councillor.

However, it was extremely disappointing to see every single Conservative councillor vote against keeping our youth centres open, even if only whilst alternate provisions are secured and finalised.

Every single councillor voting to close these key youth centres turned their backs on young people who rely on their youth centres to socialise outside of school hours in a safe and secure environment.

Vulnerable young people will be forced onto the streets with youth workers engaging in what this administration calls "mobile youth provision".

Disabled youths will be forced out of their home at Devon Way with no alternative for them.

Our young people in the south of the borough currently working towards completing the Duke of Edinburgh award will have to travel five miles to King's Nympton where the programme will continue.

The time now comes for the council, having closed their youth centres, to work with young people to secure alternate provision that they are happy to use, in an environment where they will feel both safe and secure.

JAMES GILES
New Malden

Helpful book

I READ the letter (Wartime Memories, May 5) seeking memories of wartime in the area.

The gentleman had grown up in Greenfield Avenue, Tolworth, and was trying to write his his-



Jenny Tarbutt from Kingston Camera Club sent in this photo of a protective mother swan nesting in Charter Quay, Kingston. To see your photo in Borough View email rachael.burford@london.newsquest.co.uk.

Doodle Bug memories

I AM writing with reference to the letter in the Kingston Guardian, May 5 ("Wartime Memories"), about wartime memories from Mr and Mrs Masson from Arizona.

I remember the Doodle Bug in question and I think it landed at the bottom of the garden of house number 17 Greenfield where my schoolmate Keith Barnes lived.

My two brothers and I would watch from the top of a shed

at the bottom of our garden in Pine Gardens, close to Raeburn Avenue, to see the Doodle Bugs come over and might have seen that one come down, but as both my brothers have died I cannot check that.

One of the books on the locality, I know, has pictures of various bombings, etc. including the one at the top of our road junction with Chiltern Drive and I think there is a map or list of the bombs that dropped in the same

publication.

As I have no computer I cannot say whether that is on the web or not.

If the correspondents wish to contact me it will have to be by the snail mail and I will be happy to give any other memories.

You can reach me at 127 Ewell Bypass Rd, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 2PX.

KEITH PALMER
Epsom

Stop suicide

SAMARITANS is calling on those politicians standing for election in the South East region to make preventing suicide a priority in the places they represent.

Samaritans offers a listening service to people who are struggling to cope.

Through speaking and listening to people, we have found that the mental health and medical help available to those reporting symptoms of anxiety and depression is inconsistent and can often vary from postcode to postcode.

The suicide rate in the South East between 2012 and 2014 was 9.0 per 100,000, or 4.2 per 100,000 for women and 14.1 per 100,000 for men.

Samaritans believes suicide is not something which is inevitable, but that it is instead, preventable.

It is vital that we work to highlight the areas which have been successful in using local plans to improve mental health care, and subsequently encourage our local politicians to champion them.

RUTH SUTHERLAND
Samaritans CEO

DIY stitches, heavy petting, flashing and Albert Circle

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here are just five of them

5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...

1. Cutting logs I foolishly dragged the hand saw across my index finger and sliced it down to the bone. Cursing, I washed the wound and surveyed the damage - basically, it needed a few stitches. However, A&E at that time on a Saturday was not a pleasant proposition. So I fell back on an old trick I used many times when I had a lurcher who was always ripping herself on thorns or fences and reached for the super glue. I have to say I'm delighted with the results of my medical expertise.

2. As the chlorine stung my eyes I was reminded why I don't generally frequent

swimming pools these days. Though I think finding out how often they change the water (or rather, don't change the water) was also a factor. Through bleary eyes I spotted the warning against heavy petting. Not that I was thinking of partaking, but what exactly is the difference between heavy and light petting? I wonder what I could get away with?

3. On a not entirely unrelated subject, I found myself in a state of undress in my garden at the weekend. I'm lucky and this particular section of grass is not overlooked. However,

someone delivering a parcel, who had presumably first tried the front door then took it upon themselves to walk through the side gate. I wasn't exactly accused of exposing myself, but they clearly weren't happy. Surely we've all got a right to act as we please on our own property? I did try to explain this to her but she wasn't happy.

4. Of course, those without gardens will often choose to take advantage of the better weather by visiting a park. As soon as the sun breaks the clouds you would see people dotted around the park taking in the

rays. Only now, the parks seem to be packed to bursting. Are green spaces reducing or is it just the population increasing?

5. And finally, why is it called Albert Square in EastEnders? When you watch the opening sequence, it is very obviously a circle.



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FAMILY – Gangsta Granny Live on Stage at Fairfield Halls, Croydon, from Tuesday (May 17) to Saturday

(May 21): David Walliams much-loved children's book about a boy who discovers his granny is a master jewel thief is brought to life by the same team behind the adaptations of Horrible Histories. Tickets cost £17 adults, £13 children. Go to Fairfield.co.uk

MUSIC – Tasting Notes at Omnibus, Clapham, on Sunday: Opera singer Emily Estelle and pianist Marina Lieberman will perform an infusion of pop, jazz and movie soundtracks in between expert Amelia Singer talking about and leading

a tasting of wines from around the world. Tickets cost £25.

COMEDY – Mark Steel – Who Do I Think I Am at The Secombe on Saturday: Comedian Mark Steel's latest show is about his desire to find his birth mother, sparked by the birth of his own son. Tickets cost £15. Go to suttontheatres.co.uk

FILM – X-Men: Apocalypse, out Wednesday (May 18): Director Bryan Singer returns to the X-Men

universe with his younger mutant cast led by James McAvoy and Jennifer Lawrence. This time an all-powerful, ancient mutant Apocalypse (Oscar Isaac) awakens after thousands of years to create a new



**X-MEN:
APOCALYPSE**

What's on

When you are as in-demand as Sir Trevor Nunn you can take your pick where you want to stage your next play. Which makes it all the more impressive that he has chosen Kingston once more.

Having put on a selection of Shakespeare's histories in last year's Wars of the Roses, the former artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre and the incumbent at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket will return to the Rose with King John in May.

Nunn told us: "I couldn't be more fortunate, not only that there is a really smashing group of people that work there and run it but the Rose is a theatre that is built on the exact ground plan of the original Rose Theatre on the South Bank that was there during Shakespeare's lifetime."

Such authenticity meant it felt like the plays were returning home to the exact space they were written for.

He added: "King John has got that ingredient of being just that bit more intimate than you would expect a big chronicle play to be and therefore perfectly fitted for the Rose."

"If anybody said to me 'where you most like to do a Shakespeare play in the world?' I would say the Rose in Kingston."

King John will be the 36th of Shakespeare's recognised 37 plays that 76-year-old Nunn has staged throughout his illustrious career and he will complete the set with A Midsummer Night's Dream later in the year.

But that alone was not the reason he felt it was the right time to visit the rarely performed history. He said: "I have always said one should never do a Shakespeare play just for the sake of doing it. It is so much better if there can be something that is relevant and topical about it."

"King John is a difficult play, it is a rarity in the Shakespeare canon, but it is a play about politics."

"It is about the ins and outs of politics, it is about deceit and duplicity and truth telling and lying and we are at the moment in our modern world inundated on the nightly news."

While it is timely, however, King John is not an easy play to bring to the stage.

Nunn explained: "It is very probable that Shakespeare did a huge amount of work on this play but may not have been the person to do the last few scenes. There is something about the play that one has to edit and organise textually."

Much of that arduous study was done in solitary evenings while Nunn was in New York, putting on a production of Pericles, another of Shakespeare's plays where there is a question mark over authorship.

Of course, in 2016 in particular Nunn is far from the only person bringing the Bard's works to the stage but few in this era have been as celebrated for their interpretations nor as dedicated.

Nunn said: "If by the end of this year I have managed to do all 37 of Shakespeare's plays, that sort of speaks for itself."

"You could say that is an impact bordering on obsession. I am never happier than when I am in a rehearsal room with an experienced and talented group of actors dealing with a Shakespeare text because it is wonderful language."

"Every play is packed with extraordinary ideas – ideas that still precisely pertain to the world that we live in at the moment."

On the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, the poet and playwright is as important as ever and if anyone can put their finger on why, it's Sir Trevor Nunn.

He said: "There is overwhelming wisdom, insight, understanding of the human condition in Shakespeare's plays that you can find almost nowhere else."

"Nobody is as astonishing as Shakespeare in that way. He makes us understand more about what it is to be human than anybody else that has ever lived."

King John is at the Rose Theatre, Kingston, from May 14 to June 5. Tickets cost from £8. For more details visit rosetheatrekingston.org

Sir Trevor Nunn returns to the Rose Theatre this month with his adaptation of Shakespeare's King John. He spoke to JIM PALMER about his love for the Bard and for the theatre itself.

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NO ORDINARY JOE

Internationally acclaimed singer, pianist and songwriter Joe Stilgoe has a big year ahead.

He kicks off a mega debut UK tour in July that runs through to February 2017, but before then he's been tuning up solo at Omnibus in Clapham on Friday, May 20.

His new tour Songs on Film will see his band giving their orchestral twists to film soundtracks made famous by the likes of Quentin Tarantino, the Coen brothers and Pixar.

Tickets to see Joe at Omnibus cost £15, or £12 for concessions. For further details visit omnibus-clapham.org.

Joe Stilgoe

IVYHITS VILLAGE

One of the West End's hottest restaurants is setting up shop in Wimbledon Village.

The Ivy Café (pictured inset) will open on the site of the old Barclays Bank on June 1, offering 'accessible all-day dining'.

Going from breakfast through to dinner – with everything from brunches to snacks, cream teas and cocktails in between – the restaurant will seat up to 120 and has a garden, dining terrace and private dining room.

The design will be consistent with The Ivy Café's sister venue in Marylebone, including an antique pewter bar, pendant lighting, marble floor tiles and mixture of caramel-coloured leather bench seats and orange leather bar stools which will create a 'stylish yet casual environment for all-day dining'.

Executive chef Sean Burbidge, who gained his first Michelin star as the head chef of Gordon Ramsay's Petrus, will oversee a menu which includes the likes of The Ivy Café's shepherd's pie, chicken liver parfait and lobster risotto. Executive bar manager Jeremy Evans's cocktail menu includes classics with a twist.

The Ivy Café, Wimbledon Village, opens seven days a week from June 1. More details at theivycafewimbledon.com

Eaterie up for tasty award

A Mitcham restaurant which has hosted stars of Hollywood, the charts and political big hitters is in the running for a prestigious award.

Chak89 in Bond Road was nominated for the Tiffin Cup by Mitcham and Morden MP Siobhain McDonagh.

The competition, headed up by MP Keith Vaz, sets out to find the best South Asian restaurant in the country and

the finals – including a cook-off – are held at the House of Commons in July.

Chak89 is already popular with high profile diners including Breaking Bad star Aaron Paul, High School Musical's Vanessa Hudgens, Hollywood bad girl Lindsay Lohan, footballer John Terry and chart topper Emeli Sande.

EastEnders hard man Danny Dyer visited for New

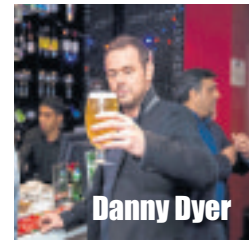
Year, describing it as the 'best curry house in the world'.

MP McDonagh recently held a Labour Party dinner at Chak89, with attendees including former Prime Minister Tony Blair.

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Tickets cost £35. Go to brooklynbrewerymash.com/london



Jim Palmer demonstrates the Varidesk Pro Plus 36 in the office.

MAKING A STAND

Doubtless we have all seen the reports that say sitting all day makes us prone to all manner of physical and mental health risks.

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satisfaction of knowing it's healthy, but looming over co-workers is fun for no longer than 30 seconds.

Being a giant, it was also uncomfortable for me to stand for any length of time as I still had to stoop.

According to the literature, we should be able to concentrate better standing but I found myself unable to focus on little other than sending basic e-mails.

I'm putting this down to a kind of pavlovian conditioning whereby every time I have been called upon to concentrate or write since the age of five I've been sat down.

No doubt, standing at other times of the day may be better – meetings, perhaps – but for me it didn't cut the mustard.

The Varidesk Pro Plus 36 costs £335. For further information about the item visit uk.varidesk.com.

COMPETITION WINX-MEN GOODIES

The X-Men are back for their sixth outing on May 18.

Ex-Machina and Star Wars: The Force Awakens' Oscar Isaac stars as an ancient mutant called Apocalypse who sets about trying to destroy humanity. It's down to Charles Xavier (James McAvoy) and his young X-Men to stop them.

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Graham Farthing explores the most common reasons why a seller may pull out of an agreement and highlights the buyer's choices if this happens...

THESELLINGGAME

Before a deal is sealed there are many reasons why a seller may choose not to complete on a sale. Some of these reasons can be traced back to the health of the specific local property market and potential changes that could affect price and demand.

GAZUMPING: Gazumping has declined across England and Wales, however, it is still a common issue that affects buyers in property hotspots, in up-and-coming areas and during times of heightened demand. For example, Brighton and London were gazumping capitals during 2014 due to property price increases that far outstripped predictions.

Gazumping occurs when a potential buyer has been outbid by another interested party, after their original offer was already accepted by the seller. The practice is questionable but legal in England and Wales – Scottish

law does differ – however, if you have entered into a contract which states that the seller will not accept other offers during a set period, you can sue the seller for breach of contract.

Continuous involvement in gazumped deals can damage an agent's reputation in the long-term, so it is in the agent's best interest to prevent it from occurring. However, the best thing a buyer can do to avoid the situation is to prepare beforehand:

- Have your mortgage in place, and a solicitor to carry out the necessary checks to speed up the process

- Make sure that the property is withdrawn from the market after your offer has been accepted – typically four to six weeks after.

OFFER WITHDRAWALS:

The seller may wish to withdraw from a transaction at any time before exchange of contracts.

Common reasons for doing this include another buyer putting in a higher bid, keeping hold of the asset during a period of price growth, or waiting to sell due to other market conditions and policies. The buyer does not have any rights to claim the property as their own before contracts are exchanged. You can ask the seller to contribute towards any costs such as legal fees that you have incurred during the process but the seller is not under any obligation to do this.

OTHER REASONS: Unless you buy a new build, a property sale is almost always part of a long chain that is dependent upon the success of linked transactions. This chain can collapse somewhere along the line, and there is little you can do about it. However, you can invest in home buyers protection insurance to safeguard you against financial risks. If you have sold

your house and are looking for another home on the market, you should search for temporary accommodation options as soon as possible and consider a bridging loan to maintain your finances for the next sale.

If you have found your dream home, others may feel the same way. If the property is popular, or if the owner would like to sell quickly and a contract race has been started by the seller, your initial offer may be rejected. The seller or an assigned solicitor should inform all parties involved of the situation, either in writing or over the phone. If the seller does not treat every prospective buyer equally, or the same solicitor is used by the seller and buyer, then both of these scenarios are unlawful. The latter is a conflict of interest, so you may be entitled to challenge the motive and decision of the seller.

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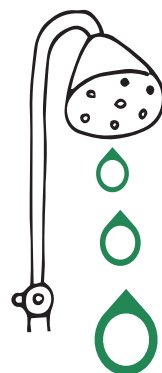
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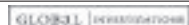
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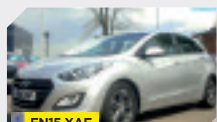


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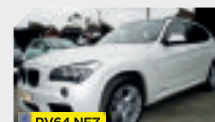
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Grante Halliday claims title triple

RICHARD Challoner School's Louis Grante Halliday, right, won a third national basketball title on Sunday. The 13-year-old helped London Greenhouse Pioneers claim the U14 boys crown at the National Basketball Performance Centre in Manchester with a 77-57 final win over London Lewisham Thunder. Grante Halliday has been in the winning team twice before and has played for the South East of England U11s squad.



Meaning business: Surbiton's Moe Sbihi

Weather no blow to Moe's plan

SURBITON'S Moe Sbihi and Molesey Boat Club teammate George Nash had to battle not only their fiercest rivals, but also the weather to win gold at the European Rowing Championships – however, it was all in a day's work, writes Tim Ashton.

Racing in the GB fours boat with crewmates Alex Gregory and Constantine Louloudis, the pair beat Belarus into second and France into third at the Championships held in Brandenburg, Germany, last weekend.

It was a new-look GB team, with only Gregory surviving from the gold-medal winning team of 2015, and with the Rio Olympics on the horizon, it is likely the same quartet will take to Brazilian waters.

And the weather conditions should be very different across the Atlantic compared to the heavy crosswinds of Germany.

Sbihi said: "I didn't need to call for a big push at the end and we were a length clear at the end."

"But they were tough conditions. Every time we got some boat-speed the wind hit us, but you have to deal with the conditions on the day."

Gregory said: "It was very hard to do what we normally try to in training, but it was a real test of our boatmanship."

In the men's eight boat, Molesey's Andrew Triggs Hodge won bronze behind winners Germany.



Golden blow: Sbihi, second from right, in the winning boat

NEW MAN: Ex-Richmond player-coach Pearn steps into Surbiton hot seat

Kids will get a chance

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On his way: Todd Williams

NEW Surbiton men's head coach Mark Pearn has vowed to develop the club's junior section in a bid to maintain a challenge on the national title.

The 39-year-old was named as 'Todd Williams' replacement last week, with the club confirming Brett Garrard would remain head coach of the ladies' outfit.

Pearn comes to Sugden Road from a spell as assistant player-coach at Richmond, which culminated in them winning the Conference East title, but just missing out on promotion to the Premier Division via the play-offs.

He retired from playing twice, once in 2005 and then again in 2011, having picked

up the stick to play in the 2011 London Cup.

Among his accolades is a Commonwealth Games bronze medal from 1998, as well as three European Championship bronze medals.

He said: "I have enjoyed my time on the pitch over the past 25 years and have been fortunate as a player to have been part of many successful teams."

"I am looking forward to the next stage of my hockey career and passing on the experience I have gained."

He added: "I am hugely excited to have the opportunity to work with such a talented and committed group of players as well as helping to develop their outstanding junior section."

"The club has high aspirations and the challenge is to get the best out of this team and regularly challenge for national titles."

Surbiton finished second in last season's MHL Premier Division, but lost to Reading in the championship play-offs, missing out on a place in Europe.

Club captain Mark Waller said: "He has the strength of character and skills that will help build and improve upon the fantastic legacy in place at the club today."



New man: Mark Pearn, seen here – centre – leading the Richmond team huddle last season, is the new head coach of Surbiton Hockey Club's men

"I have no doubt he will bring an energy and commitment that will lead to exciting hockey."

Kingston's Ayinde warns opponent, 'I will break you'



Second coming: Kingston's Anthony Ayinde, right, in action during his first Queensbury Boxing League title defence

KINGSTON boxing champion Tony Ayinde is ready to "snap" challenger Jon Martin in this weekend's Queensbury Boxing League (QBL) title showdown.

He will make the second defence of his QBL crown against Bournemouth's Martin on Saturday at the

Effingham Park Hotel in Copthorne, West Sussex.

"Jon is coming up to my level now, and I'm a couple of tiers above who he's been

fighting before," he said.

"He's going to find out I'm levels above him and I'll be putting the pressure on him until he snaps."

SPORTSbrief



SAILING: Teenager Ed Mayley won the Minima Yacht Club's May Merrie Cup ahead of rivals from Minima and Thames Sailing Club last week. The 16-year-old, in a Topper, beat Robin Broomfield and Paul Bloomfield (Enterprise) and Denis Lockwood and Erica Bishop (Merlin) into second and third place respectively.

MOTORSPORT: Putting RAM Racing's Mercedes SLS AMG GT3 on pole position for last weekend's Zandvoort 12 Hour race and completing the race's fastest lap was not enough for New Malden's Tom Onslow-Cole. The 28-year-old and team mates Paul White and Stuart Hall could only finish fourth overall at the 24 Hour Series event in Holland. Onslow-Cole races for Team Parker Racing in round two of the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup at Silverstone this weekend.

CRICKET: Malden Wanderers' Will Sabey smashed 155 runs from 129 balls to lead his side to a high-scoring but narrow Surrey Championship Division One victory over Banstead on Saturday. Sabey's efforts helped Malden post a whopping 333 for three from their 50 overs with Alex Butler (50) and Jackson Wood (59) also getting in on the act. Tom Lancelfield struck 107 from 95 balls in reply, but the visitors were dismissed for 319. Malden head to league new boys Walton-on-Thames this weekend.

ATHLETICS: Kingston & Polytechnic Harriers' Chris Dack and Daniel Eckersley came closest to providing the club's men with an A string event win in the opening British Athletics League Division Two meeting of the season in Cardiff. Dack threw 44.47 metres to finish second to Sean Breathnach (47.18m) in the men's discus, while Eckersley clocked nine minutes 27.62 seconds to finish less than six seconds adrift of winner Ciaran Lewis (9:22.26). Kingston battled to a worthy third place finish.

FOOTBALL: Champions Kingstonian FC Ladies completed a perfect Surrey County Girls' and Women's League Premier Division season of 21 wins from 21 games thanks to a 2-0 triumph at Egham Town on Sunday.





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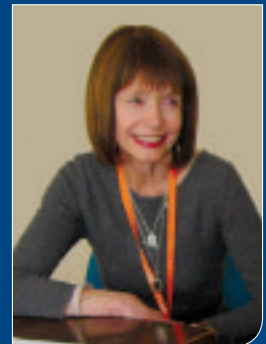
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